

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE RIVER BASINS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.) ACT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LOWER ANAMBRA AND UPPER NIGER RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES AND LIST SAME INTO THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE ACT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Patrick Asadu

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 1. The River Basin Development Authorities (Establishment, Etc)
2 Act, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, Cap. R9, No. 35, 1987 (in this Act
3 referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set under this Act.

Amendment of
the River Basin
Development
Authorities
(Establishment,
etc.) Act

4 2. Section 1 subsection 1 of the Principal Act is amended by
5 inserting a new subsection as follows:

6 (1) There are hereby established thirteen authorities to be known
7 by the names specified in column 1 of the First Schedule to this Act which
8 shall have such powers and exercise such functions as are specified in this
9 Act.

10 3. Section 2 subsection 1 (b) of the Principal Act is amended by
11 inserting a new paragraph (b) as follows:

12 (b) the managing director of the Authority; and

13 4. Section 3 subsection 1 of the Principal Act is amended by
14 inserting a new subsection as follows:

15 (1) A member shall hold office for a period of four years from the
16 date of his appointment and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one
17 further term of three years and thereafter he shall no longer be eligible for re-
18 appointment.

Insertion of a
new section 4

1 5. The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new Section 4 and re-
2 number accordingly as follows:

3 "4" ALLOWANCES OF MEMBERS

4 (1) The members of the Board shall be paid such allowances and other
5 benefits with the approval of the Minister as may be determined by the
6 Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission.

7 (2) The Minister may make recommendations to the President which
8 if approved shall empower the Minister to declare in writing the position of a
9 member vacant where:

10 (a) it appears to the Minister that a member of the Board be removed
11 from office on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of
12 the office; or

13 (b) the Minister is satisfied that the continued presence on the Board
14 of any member is not in the national interest or interest of the Authority."

Amendment of
First Schedule
of the Principal
Act

15 6. The first schedule to the Principal Act is amended by inserting a
16 new item into the list of River Basins Development Authorities as follows:

Citation

17 7. This Bill may be cited as the River Basins Development
18 Authorities Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the River Basins Authorities Act, Cap R9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide among other things the Establishment of the Upper Niger and the Lower Anambra River Basin Development Authority listed in the First Schedule to the Principal Act. Also to undertake comprehensive development of both surface and underground water resources for multi-purpose use which is the mandate of the Act.